

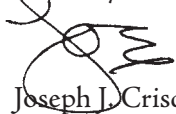
Dear Neighbor,

I am deeply honored that you have expressed your confidence in my ability, caring, and accomplishments, and have given me the privilege of serving you once again in the state Senate. I look forward to continuing our discussion of issues before the General Assembly now that the 2005 legislative session is underway.

We must direct our attention to the many residents in our state who remain without health care coverage, and to the increasing number of individuals and businesses for whom coverage has become unaffordable. As Co-Chairman of the Insurance Committee I therefore have proposed the Nutmeg Health Partnership, which, if successful, will embrace a variety of plans that partner individuals, businesses and other entities with the state. I also have proposed legislation addressing nutrition and obesity, as well as legislation requiring the disclosure of information concerning prescription drug costs.

I hope that you will take a moment to read about these and other matters covered in this newsletter. As always, I invite your comments, ideas and opinions. Please feel free to contact me about legislative matters or if you feel I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,



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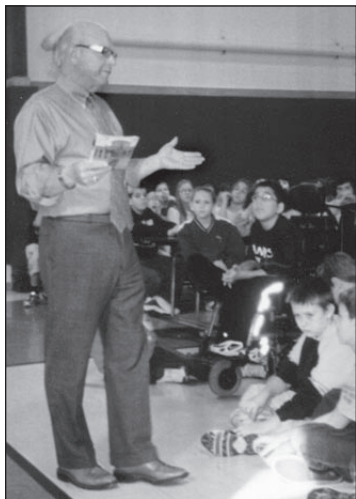
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Senator Crisco speaks with fifth grade students at Laurel Ledge School on October 22, 2004

# JOE CRISCO *Your State Senator*

## 2005 LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

### Insurance

As Senate Chairman of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, I am planning a number of initiatives that, if successful, will broaden health care and other types of coverage, assist health care providers as well as enhance existing programs. These initiatives grew out of recommendations made at informational hearings I held early this fall. Some of the initiatives I am proposing include:

- ♦ The Nutmeg Health Partnership—a health care coverage program partnering the state with individuals, with businesses, and with other entities
- ♦ Increased reimbursement for physicians and reduced paperwork
- ♦ Wellness coverage
- ♦ Enhancement of MEHIP and expansion of HUSKY

We also plan to look into questionable insurance practices, the medical malpractice insurance liability issue, and obesity prevention and treatment.

### And more:

- ♦ Restricted Stem Cell Research: I proposed legislation that would provide grants for limited stem cell research—an avenue that offers hope to individuals suffering from some of the most debilitating diseases.
- ♦ Property tax relief
- ♦ Aid to municipalities
- ♦ ECS funding
- ♦ Higher Education

### Legislators Back to School Week

I was pleased to meet with an enthusiastic group of fifth graders at Laurel Ledge School as part of the national Legislators Back to School Week. They posed challenging questions and showed a sophisticated grasp of current issues. I commend the teachers and administrators at Laurel Ledge for the outstanding education they provide these students.

### LOCAL INITIATIVE: Depot Street Bridge

I joined with my colleague, Representative Len Greene, to introduce a bill requesting \$2.4 million for repairs to the Depot Street Bridge. This bridge is important to the economic vitality of the town as it provides a link to a major industrial park.



Senator Crisco participates in the 2004 Flag Day ceremony at Matthies Park.